



# SUPPORTING INDIANA'S FIRST RESPONDERS

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## Governor Spends the Night at Auburn Fire Station

Governor Mitch Daniels spent the day at Indiana's first state-sponsored Firefighter Training Academy in Auburn, Indiana.

The Indiana Fire Training System will standardize training that previously has been done independently by hundreds of fire departments across the state.

The Governor stayed as an overnight guest at the Auburn Fire Department and was ready to accompany the firefighters in the event of an emergency.



## Important State Contact Numbers

Indiana State Police—317-232-8241

Dept. of Homeland Security—317-232-3986

Criminal Justice Institute—317-232-1233

Alcohol & Tobacco Comm.—317-232-2430

Dept. of Natural Resources—317-232-4020

## GOVERNOR HELPS CRIME VICTIMS TRACK OFFENDERS

Governor Mitch Daniels recently outlined the state's plans to help victims of crime track the status of offenders housed in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Correction has started implementation of the new Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) network, the result of legislation approved unanimously in 2005.

"We're putting a system in place that has long been needed by the victims of crime. This is a major step forward in our efforts to protect Hoosiers," said Daniels.

The automated network will allow Indiana residents to receive real-time information about the custody status of offenders in all 92 counties. They can register to be notified about an offender's placement, release, transfer or other changes. There is no cost to use the service and users can access offender information by telephone or the Internet.

Development of the program has already started and it will be launched in April.



Governor Daniels recently announced the new Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification network which allows Hoosiers to track offenders in the Indiana Corrections system.

## Traffic Fatalities Down in 2006

Preliminary statistics show that the number of fatalities on Indiana's roadways in 2006 dropped significantly from 2005, according to data from the Indiana State Police (ISP). Through December 22, 2006, there have been 81 fewer fatalities compared to the same period in 2005.

"Causality is complex, but a nearly 10 percent drop is probably more than good luck. Motorists should know we're going to keep adding troopers to the road, because every fatality is a tragedy," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Among efforts employed to make Indiana's roads safer are rigorous enforcement, public education programs, roadway safety improvements, and additional selected funding for traffic safety initiatives.

## OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM RUN BY STATE

Governor Mitch Daniels recently announced that state employee groups in South Bend and Indianapolis submitted the winning bids to administer services at the state's three Department of Correction community re-entry centers. The state will save nearly \$750,000 annually and in-

crease employment opportunities and services for offenders at the three facilities, one in South Bend and two in Indianapolis.

The employees reduced costs in their proposal by suggesting a streamlined process to purchase supplies, using existing resources for services such as substance abuse treatment, and

increasing bed capacity to use space more efficiently.

The worker re-entry centers prepare offenders for the transition back to their communities. Specifically, the centers focus on three vital phases of a successful re-entry plan before release: employment, housing and transportation.